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Attachments: PFOS-PFOA Sullivan EPW QFRs tk hds.docx

OPPT's broader comments on the DoD PFAS QFRs are below, and two minor comments are in the attached. (Unless you are inclined to review the entire set of questions/answers, you can skip to pages 4-6.) OCIR has requested comments by COB tomorrow 5/23. Please let me know if these are cleared to send on and if you have any additional comments.

Ruth-please print the email below and pages 4-6 of the attached for the binder and folders.

Thanks,
Kaitlin

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Hi Kaitlin,

We don't have detailed comments on this but there are some minor comments in the attached and one broader comment - Many of the questions ask broadly about PFAS yet the responses vary but refer to only PFOS, PFOS/PFOA or in one case PFOS/PFOA and PFBS. We recommend greater clarity in the responses and for the responses regarding water testing, that DoD describe somewhere in the document what DoD actually tests for.

We would also note that there seems to be a transcription error or misstatement in Maureen's March 2019 testimony when we compared her previous testimony in September 2018 and with regard to which PFAS are still active in commerce for AFFF. AFFF containing PFOS and PFOA, other than in potential trace amounts, is no longer manufactured or available for purchase in the United States. However, existing stocks of AFFF may contain PFOS and, in some formulations, PFOA. See the comparison below.

From September 2018: <https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Sullivan%20Testimony.pdf>

DoD's limited use of PFAS started in the 1970s, with the introduction of AFFF for aircraft fuel fire-fighting purposes. AFFF may contain PFOS and, in some formulations, PFOA. AFFF is mission-critical because it quickly extinguishes petroleum-based fires, which is why the Federal Aviation Administration has also adopted its use at airports nationally. AFFF containing PFOS, other than in potential trace amounts, is no longer manufactured or available for purchase in the United States, although legacy stocks of these AFFF remain.

From March 2019:

[https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/6/7/67c68fd5-51cc-428a-84b3-](https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/6/7/67c68fd5-51cc-428a-84b3-d1e5ba24003a/A3FA1B8E226E7F10059BAF4452A4A938.sullivan-testimony-03.28.2019.pdf)

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Hans—See below and attached. Please coordinate OPPT review and send any comments tomorrow/edits tomorrow NLT 4pm. Reminder that any comments on the CDC/NIH QFRs need to be submitted to the IO today.

Thanks,
Kaitlin

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Hi PFAS team, we've got DOD QFRs for review from the 3/28 hearing (*in overlap with the CDC and NIH ones due tomorrow—thanks for your work on those*). Please send me any comments/suggested edits by **COB Thursday 5/23**. OMB's note:

Attached are draft responses by the Department of Defense to Questions for the Record following the March 28, 2019 hearing before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on DoD's actions to address the presence of PFAS substances. I also am attaching a copy of the final testimony for your reference.

Please provide your edits and comments by the deadline above. If you do not respond by the deadline, I will assume that you have no comments.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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